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## **SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO PARDEE AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS**

*(Hendersonville, NC)* Pardee Hospital Auxiliary members provided more than 40,000 hours of volunteer work to the hospital in 2005. Recently, at the Auxiliary's annual meeting, 51 members of the Auxiliary received service awards for their time contributions to the hospital.

Among those awards, special recognition was given to Leon Sepic, who has reached an unprecedented milestone of logging 11,000 hours over a sixteen year period as a Pardee Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer. Sepic began working at the Pardee information desk in 1989 answering phone calls, questions and providing directions to visitors. He has also worked at the Pardee Health Education Center in the Blue Ridge Mall, in Day Surgery and at the hospital's Kayden Radiation Oncology Center, a part of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee. Sepic is a past president of the Auxiliary, serving in a leadership capacity from 1995-1997. According to Jon Schurmeier, Chief Executive Officer of Pardee Hospital, Leon "exemplifies the dedication and caring that our Auxiliary members bring to the hospital. It would be impossible for our organization to be successful without the help of such giving individuals."

Other volunteers recognized for their length of service were: (10,000 hours) Sandra Waggoner; (9,000 hours) Norma Kratz; (8,000 hours) Evelyn Glass; (6,000 hours) Betty Jo Alison and Skip Alison; (5,000 hours) Margaret Haug; (4,000 hours) Myrl Jean Hughes; (3,000 hours) Ruth Hoots and Janis Shane; (2,000 hours) Irene Bergell, Shirley Byrd, Nancy Drechsler, Mildred Freese, Mary Jackson, Grace Kalil and Phyllis Schneider; (1,000 hours) John Bowman, Bill Davidson, Joyce Hancock, Ila Hollender, Violet Husni, Pat Gyuro, John Krech, Janet Lane, Dot Lucas, Sandra McCain, Gloria Morris, Dorothy Sawyer, Don Shane, Ian Smart, Louise Stelling, Madelyn Todd and Florence Werden; (500 hours) Kathrine Burgess, Helen Carlson, Mary Chalmers, Louise Dealy, Carolyn Entwistle, Harriett Freeman, Jeanne Gannaway, Norma

Gaillard, Alfred Hetzel, Judith Kulinski, Dina Larsen, Don Osterberg, Kaye Papazian, Barbara Rusch, Raymond Wissolik and Ursula Zahn.

The Pardee Hospital Auxiliary includes more than 300 members who donate their time and resources for the benefit of Pardee Hospital. In addition to providing support throughout the hospital and managing the Garden Café Snack Shop, these volunteers raise thousands of dollars annually for new equipment and facilities. Membership is open to anyone interested in the hospital. For more information on joining the Pardee Hospital Auxiliary, call (828) 698-7187.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and urgent care facilities in Fletcher and Hendersonville.

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